

HAYS WILL REMAIN AS PARTY CHAIRMAN

Major-Gen. Wood Sets at Rest
Story of Preference for
John T. King.

CONFIDENCE IN LEADER

Assures Him That in No Circumstances Will He Permit Resignation.

Reports to the effect that Major-Gen. Leonard Wood, if he were made the Republican nominee for President, would sidetrack Will H. Hays as chairman of the National Committee and insist upon the selection of John T. King, his principal backer, as the general manager of the 1920 campaign have been set to rest definitely.

Mr. Hays and Gen. Wood recently were brought together by a mutual friend, and at that time the soldier assured the party chairman that he would in no circumstances permit the retirement of Mr. Hays as head of the National Committee in case he (Wood) were chosen as the Presidential candidate.

Gen. Wood said he has ignored the stories in circulation for some time on the theory that they were too silly for serious thought. However, as they had continued, evidently inspired by some enemy, he had felt that he owed it to himself to deny them in person. It is understood that Gen. Wood assured Mr. Hays that he believed thoroughly that the head of the National Committee was pursuing an absolutely impartial attitude and that he considered that he would be the best qualified man to conduct the campaign.

Edward B. Clark, for many years a Washington correspondent, who saw service in France and who, as a close friend of Gen. Wood, has allied himself with the movement for the general's nomination, was in the city yesterday conferring with Wood leaders.

Holding that the statement of Gen. Wood, filed with the Secretary of State in South Dakota, "if nominated and elected I will qualify," could not be construed as a formal announcement by Gen. Wood of his candidacy, Mr. Clark added:

"I do not pretend to say whether Gen. Wood will or will not resign from the army. That will depend upon his personal inclination and be governed by circumstances as they may arise. However, there is nothing in sentiment, tradition, precedent or law saying that a man shall lay down a commission in the United States Army in order to exercise the right of any citizen to run for President of the United States. Indeed, there are five cases in history where officers in the army ran for President. Some of them were not elected and remained in the army."

"There are reasons why Gen. Wood, who is attending to his duties as Commander of the Central Department of the Army, might feel reluctant to resign. There have been various disturbances in the department which he has settled without firing a shot. If he should lay down his commission it might look like an attempt to run away from any further trouble, which might tend to embarrass him."

Mr. Clark said the friends of Gen. Wood had decided that the declaration filed by Gen. Wood in South Dakota fulfilled the legal requirements of the primary law, while at the same time it did not actually put him in the position of placing himself in the field as a candidate.

It is understood that Gen. Wood has been obliged to decline the invitation of the Ohio Society in this city to speak at its annual dinner on January 6.

COOLIDGE WON'T RUN FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Declines to Enter Primary
Race in South Dakota.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.
Boston, Dec. 31.—Gov. Calvin Coolidge has declined to become a candidate for Vice-President on the Republican ticket, and today sent a letter to the South Dakota Secretary of State refusing the nomination which had been offered him.

Persons in political circles believe that the letter of Gov. Coolidge to his Western backers eliminating himself from the Vice-Presidential race and declining to be sidetracked into second place indicates that the Governor is removing the deck to make himself available for a Presidential nomination.

The letter of the Governor reads: "Your favor of December 6, advising me of the action of your State convention, is received, for which I thank you."

"It was entirely unexpected by me that my name should have been presented to your convention. It is certainly a very distinguished honor to have the confidence and esteem which the action of the convention indicated. And it is more so when I consider that it has never been my good fortune to be in your state or to have an acquaintance with more than half a dozen of your citizens."

It is not, however, my desire to appear as a candidate for the office of Vice-President of the United States, for which I understand by the newspapers your convention named me. I shall not, therefore, make the declaration which your laws require from a candidate. This in no way detracts from my deep appreciation of the honor that has been given me or from my pleasure at having such expression of confidence from the people of South Dakota."

"DYNAMITE MIKE" FOR CONGRESS HIS CHOICE

La Guardia Favors Kelly as
His Successor.

If La Guardia, who becomes President of the Board of Aldermen to-day, did last night he favored the nomination of Michael A. (Dynamite Mike) Kelly as his successor to represent the Fourteenth Congress district in Washington.

When word was received from Albany that the Governor would call special persons to fill the vacancy in this district, as well as in the Tenth District, where Reuben L. Haskell has resigned to become County Judge of Kings County, politicians at once began to figure on candidates.

"Dynamite Mike" has been a Democrat until this fall. Then he sought to be an independent candidate for President of the Board of Aldermen in opposition to the League of Nations. The Democratic leaders brought about the removal of his name from the ballot. He then declared that he had left the Democratic party for good and advised all his friends to vote against the Democratic candidate.

In spite of the fact that his name was not printed on the ballot, several thousand persons wrote in Kelly's name.

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He has a strong following among the Irish.

The Fourteenth district is normally Democratic. La Guardia lost to the Democrats there in 1914. In 1916, due to factional troubles in the Democratic Party, and an exceptional campaign made by La Guardia, the latter won. In 1918 the Democrats united with the Republicans on La Guardia in order to make certain the defeat of Scott Nearing, who was running on the Socialist ticket.

Samuel S. Koenig, chairman of the Republican County Committee, holds that this fusion arrangement ought to hold good for two years and that the Democrats should endorse the Republican nominee to succeed La Guardia. If they should consent, it is probable the nominee will be John Neville Boyle, who for several years has successfully conducted the speakers' bureau of the county committee.

If the Democrats should refuse, and it is likely they will after what happened to them in November, La Guardia will urge the nomination of Mr. Kelly. Charles W. Cullin, Democratic leader of the Third district, West, may be the candidate of his party for Congress in

the Fourteenth district. There has been no discussion of candidates in the Tenth district.

HYLAN SHAKES PLUM TREE FOR BROOKLYN

Fogarty in Parole Board and
Three Judges Named.

Announcement of the appointment yesterday of a Brooklyn man as member of the Parole Commission to succeed William McKim of that borough, revived the reports that Robert L. Moran, who retired to-day as President of the Board of Aldermen, probably would be named as County Clerk of the Bronx to succeed Joseph M. Callahan. Friends of Mr. Moran had said he was slated for the Parole Commission in case the Bronx leaders did not agree upon his appointment as County Clerk.

Mayor Hylan named Michael Fogarty for the Parole Commission at \$5,500 a year. He is a manufacturer of steam boilers at 527 West Thirty-third street, Manhattan, and lives at 119 Russell

street, in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn, where he has worked in the Democratic organization.

The Mayor also announced the appointment of three other Brooklynites: Justice A. V. V. Voorhees, 1655 Croysey avenue, to succeed himself on the Municipal Court bench for ten years; Magistrate Harry Howard Dale, 296 Hooper street, to succeed himself as a City Magistrate for ten years; Laurence C. Fish, 442 Washington avenue, as a City Magistrate to fill a vacancy.

\$150,000 for Defence Body.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Secretary Baker to-day asked the House Appropriations Committee to include \$150,000 in the deficiency bill to continue the Council of National Defence until matters pending before the body are disposed of.

Warrants for 160,000 Tax Dodgers

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Preparation of 160,000 warrants for delinquent poll taxpayers in this city will be begun at once, according to a statement from the collector's office to-day. It will be the biggest job of the kind ever attempted here.

\$1,000,000 HOSPITAL WILL BE DESTROYED

Federal Buildings at Otisville
to Be Burned.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.
MIDDELTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 31.—United States General Hospital No. 8, at Otisville, built at a cost of more than \$1,000,000, is to be wrecked by fire under the supervision of Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Commissioner of Health of New York. It was learned here to-day. The hospital was built during the war and until recently has had patients under care for wounds and diseases contracted in foreign service.

The reason for the burning of the buildings at the time of their abandonment is that some have been used for housing tubercular patients. The hospital was erected on land owned by New York city near a municipal sanitarium. No date has been fixed for the closing of the hospital or for the destruction of the buildings, but it probably will be during the winter.

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Some without collars of Fur. All are lined throughout with excellent quality Silk.

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WOMEN'S WINTER COATS

SMART, WARM WINTER COATS

Well tailored coats without fur and several styles of fur trimmed coats, all of good quality coatings. In Winter colors; all lined and interlined.

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HIGH GRADE COAT-WRAPPS

Coat-wraps without fur, but with the quality in the fabrics—evora or cashmeryne. Several models.

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GENUINE BOLIVIA CLOTH COATS

Coats of excellent style fashioned of plain or silvertip Bolivia with shawl collars of nutria, raccoon, Australian opossum; also coat wraps without fur.

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Handsome coats and coat-wraps of luxurious fabrics such as Bokhara, duvetyn or peachbloom.

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Exclusive models of silk chiffon velvet or plush or handsome brocaded silks, many richly trimmed with fur. Brilliant evening colorings.

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Of rich fabrics such as silk duvetyn or peachbloom, trimmed with furs of the finest grades—mole, Hudson Seal, skunk, gray squirrel, beaver.

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WOMEN'S SUIT SHOP—Balcony Floor

WOMEN'S GOWNS

SMART SILK OR CLOTH GOWNS

Of satin or Georgette crepe, plain or embroidered; also a number of tricotine or wool velour tailored dresses.

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Of taffeta, satin, net or Georgette crepe, many trimmed with flowers, others with metal ribbons.

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SILK AFTERNOON GOWNS

Of crepe meteor, satin or Georgette crepe, attractively embroidered in silk or tinsel, some beaded.

Heretofore \$59.50 to \$98.50 **42.00**

PICTURESQUE EVENING GOWNS

Of satin, chiffon, net or silk chiffon velvet in all desirable evening colorings, many richly embroidered.

Heretofore \$69.50 to \$125.00 **55.00**

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Charming tea gowns and leisure hour robes including many imported models. Of chiffon velvet, satin, taffeta or chiffon, gracefully draped, many richly embroidered.

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An extraordinary group of blouses, many imported, all from regular stock, including a great variety of models in batiste or fine voile. Entirely hand made, many trimmed with real laces, others exquisitely hand embroidered or hand drawn.

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